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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the Examiner's action dated March 22, 2002, applicants hereby elect with traverse the invention of Group I, Claims 1-19, for immediate examination.

Applicants traverse the requirement for restriction for the following reasons. All of the pending claims relate to a conjugate for disrupting a membrane that includes (1) a membrane disruptive component that is a hydrophobic polymer under conditions where the membrane is to be disrupted, and (2) a hydrophilic component coupled to the polymer by a pH cleavable linkage. Applicants submit that, in view of the relationship of the claims noted above, it would not be burdensome for the Examiner to search and examine all of the claims presently in this application. Accordingly, withdrawal of the requirement for restriction and examination of Claims 1-32 is respectfully requested.

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